



The 57th Annual
LOWCOUNTRY REGATTA
June 22-23, 2024
Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

as of 6/13/24

NORTH AND SOUTH CIRCLES

(Opti/Bic CIRCLE has separate SI's)

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All boats must have their sail numbers visible on both sides of their sails.
- 1.3 Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply with the display of the Y flag (yellow and red diagonal stripes) with one sound at the warning of the upcoming race for all classes. They will continue to be required in subsequent races until it is retired. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A.5.1."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the BYSC riverside porch.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 15 min. after the close of the competitor's meeting for each course on Saturday and before 9 a.m. on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 7 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water to each boat before her warning signal. RC will show the L flag with a sound to advise competitors of a change.
- 3.3 In the case of a discrepancy between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the BYSC flagpole.
- 4.2 Ashore, when the flag AP is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' for the North Course and 'not less than 75 minutes' for the South Course.
- 4.3 Ashore, flag L with one sound will indicate that a notice to competitors has been posted.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES,

- 5.1 Saturday, June 22: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Required Check-In and Late Registration in Clubhouse
11:00 a.m. Competitors' meetings.
1:00 p.m. Warning for 1st race South & North Courses.

- 5.2 Sunday, June 23: 11:00 a.m. Warning for 1st race South & North Courses.
No warning signal will be made after 2 p.m. on Sunday.

5.3 See supplemental instructions for boat launch and recovery windows for each day.

5.4 One race completed for each class will constitute a regatta.

5.5 A maximum of seven (7) races will be considered for the regatta.

5.6 To alert boats that a race or series of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound approximately 10 minutes before the warning signal.

5.7 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats finish means "No more racing today."

- 6. CIRCLES, COURSES, CLASS FLAGS, & ASSIGNMENTS (Predicted only – see notice board for any additions or changes).**
- 6.1 Circle #1 (South): MC Scow, Melges 15, SIOD, Y Flyer, Snipe – all use class flags. The Highlander class will use numerical pennant No. 7 (yellow top, red bottom).
- 6.2 Circle #2 (North): 420s, ILCA/Lasers, and Sunfish use class flags.
- 6.3 C420s and Non Spin/Trap 420s will start and be scored together as one class.
- 7. RACING AREA.** The Beaufort River is bounded on the north by the marsh Islands north of BYSC and on the south by ICW 39, approximately 3 miles south of the McTeer Bridge. The area is divided into the North and South racing areas, as shown in attachment B.
- 8. THE COURSES.**
- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the specific courses available, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The RC signal boat will display the course designation for each class no later than the warning signal. The number following the course designation indicates the number of legs to be sailed.
- 9. MARKS.**
- 9.1 All marks on the North/South Courses: *Orange* balls.
- 9.2 Offset mark may be used on either course: *White* ball.
- 9.3 Starting marks: the staff with an orange flag on the RC signal boat at one end and the staff with an orange flag pin at the other.
- 9.4 Downwind marks: may be a gate.
- 9.5 Finish marks: A blue flag on an RC boat at one end of the finish line and a blue flag pin at the other.
- 10. THE START.**
- 10.1 All boats must check in with their signal boat before the warning for the day's first race.
- 10.2 Races will be started using rule 26. The warning signal will be given five minutes before the starting signal, and rolling starts are probable for the first start of the day. Subsequent starts may or may not be rolled. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal of a race.
- 10.3 The possible order of starts on the South Circle is MC Scow, Melges 15, Highlander, SIOD, Y Flyer, and Snipe. On the North Circle: 420, ICLA 7 (full-rig) Lasers, ICLA 6 Laser (Radial), ICLA 4 Laser (4.7), all Sunfish, additional classes. The first race starting order will be posted on each signal boat, but watch for the class flag. In subsequent races, the order may change. If a class is absent, the following classes shall move up in the sequence.
- 10.4 After a general recall, the recalled class may or may not be restarted next. Watch for the class flag at the warning. These changes rule 29.2.
- 10.5 Starting lines will be between a staff displaying an *orange* flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and an orange flag on a pin at the port end.
- 10.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.7 All rounding marks shall be left to port.
- 11. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING.**
- Shortening the course or abandoning the race for fewer than all classes will be accomplished by displaying the "S" flag or the "N" flag (or "N" over "H" or "A") **over** the affected class flag.

12. THE FINISH.

12.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on an RC boat at one end of the finish line and a blue flag pin at the other end.

12.2 The RC boat will be the signal boat at one end of the line.

12.3 Note that the finish for the North and South Circles will be a “hook finish,” with the last leg of the course a short reach from the leeward mark to the finish.

13. TIME LIMIT.

13.1 The time limit on the North and South Circles will be 60 minutes or 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes.

13.2 Boats on both the South and North Circles failing to finish within the time limit will be scored two places lower than the total number of boats finishing within the time limit. This changes rules 35 & A4.1.

14. PROTESTS.

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61 and report to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race, stating the sail number of the protested boat.

14.2 The protest red flag is not required for any class fleet. This changes rules 61.1(a) and 61.1 (a)(2).

14.3 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Official Notice Board and submitted to the Protest Committee's Representative at the Official Notice Board within **60 minutes** of the appropriate RC signal boat docking. When docking, the RC will attempt to sound appropriate signals for their course (South Circle 1, North Circle 2). Docking times, protest time limits, and the location and time of the protest hearing will be posted.

15. SCORING. A maximum of seven (7) races will be considered. One race must be completed to constitute a series. If six (6) races are completed, one (1) race score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

16. SAFETY.

16.1 A life jacket (PFD) and shoes are required for each sailor.

16.2 Juniors must wear life jackets (PFDs) while in their boats.

16.3 All boats shall give way to commercial traffic on the ICW.

16.4 ICW channel marker #242 on the North Circle is not to be passed shoreward – there are underwater obstructions.

17. SUPPORT, COACH and SPECTATOR/PARENT BOATS.

17.1 Support, coach, and spectator/parent boats must register at registration in the clubhouse, fly the appropriate flag received at registration, and have an operating VHF radio on board.

17.2 On the water, they shall stay outside the racing area from the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment for all fleets.

17.3 Boats should maintain a radio watch on CH 16.

17.4 A member of the Race Committee will warn boats and personnel who infringe on these rules, and any subsequent infringement may result in the disqualification of competing boats associated with those support, coach, or spectator/parent boats. See the information package containing motorboat guidance.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

18.1 South Circle: VHF Channels

PRO #72

Competitors #71

18.2 North Circle: VHF Channel

PRO #78

18.3 The Race Committee may transmit course, weather, safety, OCS information, or other announcements. Notifying OCSs is a courtesy only, and failure to make a broadcast, time it accurately, or for boats to hear RC transmissions will not be grounds to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

19. PRIZES.

Trophies will be awarded for three boats in a class, two for five boats, and three for seven boats.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the host club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the regatta.

Regatta Chairman & Vice Commodore: Davis Yoakum Commodore: Jason Ruhf

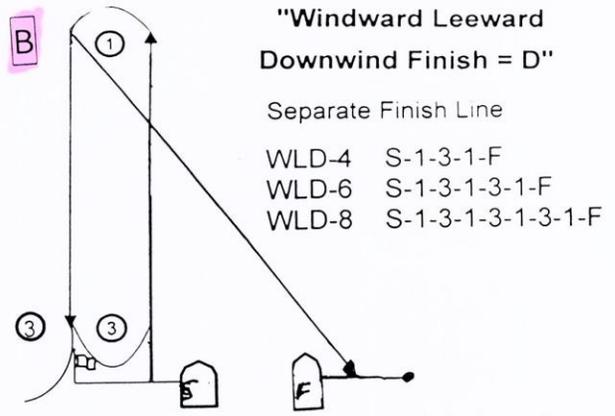
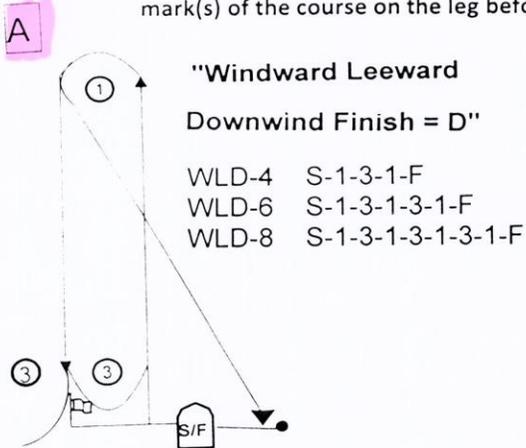
Race Committee Chairman: Richard Beesley Fleet Captain: Read Clarke

Circle PROs: North – *Jim Thomas*, Opti- *Andy Kinghorn*, South – *Frank Pontious*

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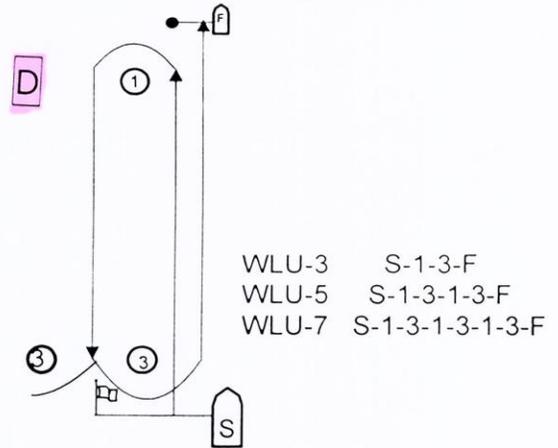
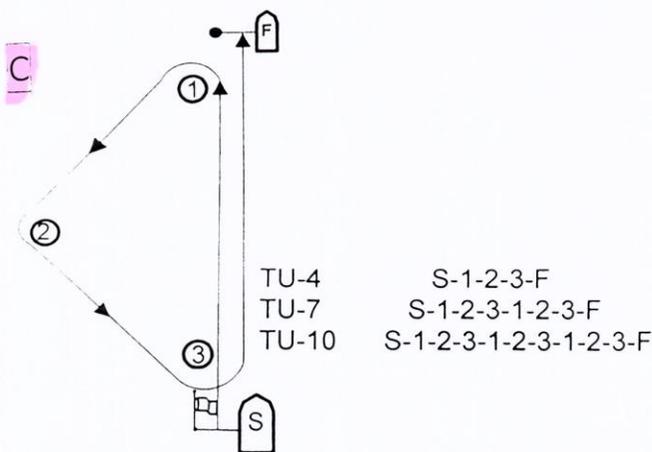
NORTH AND SOUTH COURSE DIAGRAMS – ATTACHMENT A

First letter listed of course designation indicates course to be sailed. Course designation is followed by course description. Number following course designation shows the number of legs to be sailed. Actual angle between legs will vary depending on available racing area. Leeward mark(s) are not mark(s) of the course on the leg before finishing downwind.



"Triangle – Upwind Finish = U"

"Windward Leeward – Upwind Finish = U"



"Modified Triangle – Mid Start & Finish"

"Modified Windward Leeward – Mid Start & Finish"

